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The House convened at 10:00 a.m. with Speaker B. Patrick Bauer in the Chair.

The Speaker read a prayer for wisdom and service (printed January 9, 2007).

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Brian C. Bosma.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Austin	Klinker
Avery	Knollman
Bardon	Koch
Battles	Kuzman
Behning	L. Lawson
Bell	Lehe
Bischoff	Leonard
Borders	Lutz
Borror	Mays
Bosma	McClain
C. Brown	Micon
T. Brown	Moses
Buck	Murphy
Buell	Neese
Burton	Niezgodski
Candelaria Reardon	Noe
Cheatham	Orentlicher
Cheney	Oxley
Cherry	Pelath
Cochran	Pflum
Crawford	Pierce
Crooks	Pond
Crouch	Porter
Davis ☐	Reske
Day	Richardson
Dembowski	Ripley
Denbo ☐	Robertson
Dermody	Ruppel
Dickinson	Saunders ☐
Dobis ☐	M. Smith
Dodge	V. Smith
Duncan	Soliday
Dvorak	Stemler
Eberhart	Stevenson
Elrod	Stilwell
Espich	Stutzman
Foley	Summers
Friend	Thomas
Frizzell	Thompson
Fry	Tincher
GiaQuinta	Torr
Goodin	Turner
Grubb	Tyler
Gutwein	Ulmer
E. Harris	VanHaaften
T. Harris	Walorski
Herrell	Welch
Hinkle	Whetstone
Hoy	Wolkins
Kersey	Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 570: 96 present; 4 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: ☐ indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Monday, April 23, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

RESKE

Motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that pursuant to Rule 81(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, President Pro Tempore David Long has made the following change in conferees appointments to Engrossed House Bill 1001:

Advisors: Hershman and Skinner

MARY C. MENDEL

Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1019:

Conferees: Ford and Lewis

Advisors: Nugent and Tallian

MARY C. MENDEL

Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1067:

Conferees: Kruse and Broden

Advisors: Walker and Hume

MARY C. MENDEL

Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that pursuant to Rule 81(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, President Pro Tempore David Long has made the following change in conferees appointments to Engrossed House Bill 1116:

Advisors: Broden and Waltz

MARY C. MENDEL

Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on

Engrossed House Bill 1348:

Conferees: C. Lawson and Errington

Advisors: Walker and Hume

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1437:

Conferees: Bray and Lanane

Advisors: Steele and Broden

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1457:

Conferees: C. Lawson and Rogers

Advisors: Sipes and Mishler

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that pursuant to Rule 81(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, President Pro Tempore David Long has made the following change in conferees appointments to Engrossed House Bill 1478:

Advisors: Hershman and Skinner

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1510:

Conferees: Merritt and Hume

Advisors: Steele, Broden, Hershman, and S. Smith

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to confer on Engrossed House Bill 1608:

Conferees: Hershman and Deig

Advisors: Kruse and Tallian

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bills 271, 403, and 562.

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House

that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 45 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Bray, Chair; and Arnold

Advisors: Drozda and Lanane

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 125 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Dillon, Chair; and Lanane

Advisors: Walker and Broden

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 165 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Ford, Chair; and Simpson

Advisors: Waltz and Breau

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 191 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Miller, Chair; and Sipes

Advisors: Dillon and Simpson

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 211 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Ford, Chair; and Hume

Advisors: Waltz and Skinner

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 559 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Paul, Chair; and Lewis
 Advisors: Waltz and S. Smith

MARY C. MENDEL
 Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has not concurred in House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill 561 and the President Pro Tempore has appointed the following Senators a conference committee to meet and confer with a like committee of the House on said bill, and to report thereon:

Conferees: Mishler, Chair; and Deig
 Advisors: Kruse and Arnold

MARY C. MENDEL
 Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I hereby transmit Senate Enrolled Acts 38, 93, 129, 254, 276, 311, 312, 315, 327, 331, 342, 371, 408, 434, 445, and 451 for signature of the Speaker of the House.

MARY C. MENDEL
 Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I hereby transmit Senate Enrolled Acts 489, 490, 529, and 557 for signature of the Speaker of the House.

MARY C. MENDEL
 Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolutions 71 and 69 and the same are herewith returned to the House.

MARY C. MENDEL
 Principal Secretary of the Senate

ENROLLED ACTS SIGNED

The Speaker announced that he had signed House Enrolled Acts 1017, 1042, 1059, 1060, 1085, 1193, 1210, 1211, 1241, 1264, 1306, 1338, 1378, 1388, 1468, 1480, 1508, and 1742 on April 18.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 78

Representatives Dembowski, Friend, and Ripley introduced House Concurrent Resolution 78:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Plymouth High School boys basketball team.

Whereas, The Plymouth Pilgrims are the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Class 3A state champions for a second time, beating Evansville Bosse, 72-61;

Whereas, The victory capped off a 25-2 season for 34th year head coach Jack Edison;

Whereas, The Pilgrims opened up a 30-16 lead at halftime, allowing Evansville Bosse to score only six points in the first quarter, and never let the Bulldogs get closer than seven points in the second half;

Whereas, Plymouth's scoring defense ranked second in the state this year;

Whereas, Plymouth hit 17 of 22 shots from the free throw line;

Whereas, Plymouth junior Randy Davis had 28 points and four rebounds, and senior Jared Wendel added 20 points;

Whereas, Together Plymouth and Evansville Bosse set a new Class 3A state finals record for most combined points in a quarter, with 55; Bosse had 30 points, and Plymouth scored 25 points in the fourth quarter;

Whereas, Senior Jason Renz was named the winner of the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award; and

Whereas, Excellence on the athletic field, as well as in the classroom, deserves special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the Plymouth High School boys basketball team on its IHSAA Class 3A state championship and wishes team members continued success in all their future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to team members, head coach Jack Edison, principal Richard Tobias, and superintendent Dr. John Hill.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Heinold.

House Resolution 59

Representative Thomas introduced House Resolution 59:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the North Putnam High School cheerleaders.

Whereas, The North Putnam High School cheerleading squad is the 2006 Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) Class 2A Varsity Division state champion;

Whereas, Cheerleading is a year-round sport that requires a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication;

Whereas, The cheerleaders competed in the regional competition and placed second, entitling them to an entry into the state finals;

Whereas, In addition to the regional and state victories, the squad competed at the Putnam County and Clinton County fairs, winning third place and the Spirit Award, and in the Large Varsity Division at the Indiana State Fair, placing sixth; and

Whereas, The cheerleaders provide much needed moral support and encouragement to all the other athletes at North Putnam High School: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the North Putnam High School cheerleaders on their Class 2A state championship and wishes them continued success in the future.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Kelley O'Hair, Nicole Fowler, Elizabeth Jones, Courtney Brown, Brittani Szewc, Renee Foltz, Ashley Browning, Ashley Tesmer, Nikki Baylis, Mandy Hutcheson, Alyssa Young, Chelsea Simpkins, Kelli Starr, Stephanie Stratmann, Stephanie Asher, Callie Fehr, Jessica Roseman, and Kayleen Human; head coach Myra Cox; assistant coach Jennifer Porter; principal Alan Zerkel; and superintendent Murray Pride.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 60

Representative Fry introduced House Resolution 60:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Marc Merrill.

Whereas, Marc Merrill, the owner of Merrill Pharmacy, was named the 2007 Mishawaka Person of the Year by the Mishawaka Business Association;

Whereas, Marc Merrill began his career in pharmacy at the age of 9 when he began working at his stepfather's pharmacy;

Whereas, Originally Marc wanted to be a disc jockey and worked at WSBT and WNIL;

Whereas, After a year of working as a disc jockey, Marc decided to choose a different career;

Whereas, Marc returned to college and began working in pharmacies all around the city;

Whereas, In August 1984, Marc purchased what was to become Merrill Pharmacy;

Whereas, Marc's future was changed for the better when he purchased the pharmacy and met his future wife Denise who was working as a pharmacy technician in the building;

Whereas, Merrill Pharmacy has been able to remain in business despite the growth of the national chain pharmacies because of the extra services they are willing to provide their customers;

Whereas, Merrill Pharmacy still delivers prescriptions to customers' homes, Saint Mary and Saint Francis convents, and Saint Mary's College; and

Whereas, Marc Merrill is an example of an industrious, forward thinking Hoosier entrepreneur whose efforts help the citizens of Mishawaka lead better lives: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate Marc Merrill on being named the 2007 Mishawaka Person of the Year by the Mishawaka Business Association and to thank him for his many contributions to the community and its residents.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Marc Merrill and his family.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 61

Representative Reske introduced House Resolution 61:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing Matthew R. Smith.

Whereas, Matthew R. Smith served his country and his state honorably and bravely in the war on terrorism;

Whereas, Matthew R. Smith died when the Humvee he was driving as part of a convoy to Kuwait's Camp Coyote was involved in a crash;

Whereas, Matthew R. Smith was a reservist assigned to Detachment 1, Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Peru, Indiana;

Whereas, Matthew R. Smith was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

Whereas, Matthew R. Smith sacrificed his life in defense of his country; there is no greater sacrifice to be made for love of country: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives

expresses its deepest sympathy to David and Patricia Smith, the parents of Matthew R. Smith, for their loss and acknowledges the great sacrifice their son made for his state and his country.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to David and Patricia Smith.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 62

Representative Kuzman introduced House Resolution 62:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Crown Point High School hockey team.

Whereas, The Crown Point High School hockey team is the 2006-2007 Class 3A state champion;

Whereas, The Crown Point Bulldogs defeated Fort Wayne Snider High School by a score of 5-3 to win the title;

Whereas, Throughout the season, the Bulldogs had taken early leads, but they found themselves down 3-1 early in the championship game;

Whereas, The Bulldogs did not panic, however; they simply skated hard and fought their way back into the game;

Whereas, Andy Yokovich scored two goals, Nick Townes and Jeff Beall added one goal each, and Matt Baccino scored the empty-net goal to clinch the victory; and

Whereas, Dedication and teamwork helped the Crown Point High School Bulldogs succeed in the championship game and throughout the season: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the members of the Crown Point High School hockey team on their victory in the Class 3A state finals and wishes them continued success in all their future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to team members Andy Yokovich, Mike Kmiec, Joe Kaczmarczyk, Nick Kaczmarczyk, Kyle Gorman, Matt Costalunga, Jeff Beall, Brad Kerrick, Tyler Whitescarver, Matt Baccino, Dylan Zimmerman, Greg Sienkiewicz, Andrew Clark, Brandon Clark, Justin Bruni, Brandon Meyers, Nick Townes, and Aaron Wilbert; head coach Bob Costalunga; assistant coaches Kevin Dillman, Levi Frey, Alex Matusik, Wally Olczak, and Joe Whitescarver; principal Ryan Pitcock; and superintendent Dr. Teresa A. Eineman.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 63

Representative Kuzman introduced House Resolution 63:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Martina Buchholz.

Whereas, Crown Point High School's Martina Buchholz was named the 2006-2007 winner of the Mildred M. Ball Mental Attitude Award at the gymnastics state championship meet;

Whereas, Martina Buchholz carries a 3.58 GPA and has been named to the Academic All-State Team in gymnastics;

Whereas, Besides her interest in gymnastics, Martina Buchholz participates in the National Honor Society, the Girls Varsity Club, Spanish Club, Latin Club, and Cancer Walk, and volunteers as a gymnastics assistant coach at Crown Point Middle School;

Whereas, Martina Buchholz plans to attend Purdue University next fall; and

Whereas, Martina Buchholz is an exemplary student athlete

whose determination and work ethic have helped her to achieve a level of proficiency in her sport and in the classroom that is not often seen in someone so young: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Martina Buchholz on her selection as the 2006-2007 winner of the Mildred M. Ball Mental Attitude Award in gymnastics and wishes her continued success in all her future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Martina Buchholz and her family, coach Ami Pysh, principal Ryan Pitcock, and superintendent Dr. Teresa A. Eineman.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Resolution 64

Representative Kuzman introduced House Resolution 64:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Jimmy Page.

Whereas, Crown Point High School junior Jimmy Page placed second in the 2007 Indiana High School Athletic Association's boys' diving championship;

Whereas, In addition to his second-place finish in the championship, Jimmy Page scored 57.2 points on a front 2 ½ pike to win the South Bend Regional title;

Whereas, In less than two years of competitive diving, Jimmy Page has risen through the ranks and claimed his position as one of the elite divers in the state; and

Whereas, Coach Doug Norris credits Jimmy's hard work and determination for the success he has enjoyed: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Jimmy Page on placing second in the 2007 Indiana High School Athletic Association state diving championship and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Jimmy Page and his family.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 31

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 31, sponsored by Representatives C. Brown, Whetstone, Kuzman, Tincher, and Grubb:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana department of transportation to rename State Road 63 from State Road 32 to Interstate Highway 74 the Gary E. Dudley and Gary L. Martin Memorial Highway.

Whereas, The Indiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors ("Indiana C.O.P.S.") is an organization dedicated to assisting the surviving friends and family members of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Indiana;

Whereas, Gary E. Dudley of the Indiana State Police and Gary L. Martin of the Lake County Sheriff's Department were dedicated supporters of Indiana C.O.P.S.;

Whereas, Lieutenant Dudley and Special Deputy Martin often organized and participated in long-distance bicycle rides in support of Indiana C.O.P.S.. Their efforts were instrumental to fund-raising and bringing public awareness to the organization

and its important mission;

Whereas, On August 22, 2006, during a bicycle ride for C.O.P.S., Lieutenant Dudley and Special Deputy Martin were struck by a truck, resulting in each of the officers making the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, It is fitting and appropriate to honor the dedication and sacrifices made by these two law enforcement officers by naming the section of highway where they gave their lives: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the importance of the contributions by Lieutenant Gary E. Dudley and Special Deputy Gary L. Martin to law enforcement and particularly to the Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors organization and requests the Indiana Department of Transportation to memorialize their contributions to the State of Indiana by designating State Road 63 from State Road 32 to Interstate Highway 74 as the "Gary E. Dudley and Gary L. Martin Memorial Highway."

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Carolyn Dudley, Olga Martin, Indiana C.O.P.S., the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, the Sheriff of Lake County, and the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 32

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, sponsored by Representative C. Brown:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the Reverend Donald G. Capp.

Whereas, The Reverend Donald G. Capp was born in 1926 and served his country in the United States Navy during World War II;

Whereas, Upon completion of his duty, Reverend Capp continued his education, graduating from high school and receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Bloomfield College and Seminary in New Jersey;

Whereas, The Reverend Donald G. Capp was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1955, and further received his doctoral degree from McCormick Theological Seminary;

Whereas, Reverend Capp served churches in New Jersey, Michigan, and Indiana, including the 43rd Avenue Presbyterian Church in Gary, Indiana and the Faith United Church of Christ in Hammond, Indiana;

Whereas, In his role as a pillar of the community, the Reverend Donald G. Capp was the driving force behind the creation of the Indiana Youth Services Association and the Gary Crisis Center;

Whereas, In the course of his service to the community, the Reverend Capp was honored with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and granted an honorary doctorate from the Geneva Theological School; and

Whereas, The Reverend Donald G. Capp's lifetime of service and dedication to the citizens of Indiana are qualities to be admired and extolled: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes

the Reverend Donald G. Capp for a lifetime of service. May his commitment to our community serve as an inspiration to us all. We salute his life and honor his memory.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Reverend Capp's wife, Shirley Caylor, and Barbara Wisdom, Associate Director of the Gary Crisis Center.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 43

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 43, sponsored by Representatives Behning and Burton:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Sergeant Joseph Proctor.

Whereas, Sergeant Joseph E. Proctor, Indiana National Guard, "distinguished himself by exhibiting exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of an enemy attack as Military Transition Team Trainer for 1st Battalion, 172nd Armor, Camp Ramadi, Iraq on 3 May 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom";

Whereas, For his courage in the face of enemy fire, Sergeant Proctor was awarded the Silver Star and was the first Hoosier Guardsman to earn the award during the Iraq war;

Whereas, The Silver Star, established by Congress in 1918, is the nation's third highest award given for valor in combat;

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor was assigned to the National Guard's 638th Aviation Support Battalion as a fuel specialist but volunteered for dangerous duty training Iraqi soldiers;

Whereas, The job of Military Transition Team Trainer is one of the most dangerous and challenging jobs a soldier can perform;

Whereas, As a petroleum specialist who volunteered from the task force support platoon, Sergeant Proctor was in almost constant danger patrolling the most violent areas of Tammim;

Whereas, On the day of the attack, Sergeant Proctor was on duty when Observation Post 293 began receiving direct fire;

Whereas, Without any concern for his own personal safety or a direct order to leave the barracks, Sergeant Proctor donned his protective equipment, secured his weapon, and left the safety of the barracks to assist those on security patrol who were under attack;

Whereas, A large dump truck entered the complex through the west gate, and Sergeant Proctor immediately fired over 25 rounds from his M16 into the cab of the truck, killing the driver before the truck could get further into the compound;

Whereas, The truck exploded, causing significant destruction and mortally wounding Sergeant Proctor;

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor is truly a hero whose actions saved countless lives; and

Whereas, Sergeant Proctor stands as a shining example of the selfless courage and strength of conviction displayed by the members of this nation's armed forces: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of Indiana, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sergeant Joseph Proctor. We share their grief and are aware of his sacrifice. We resolve that he has not died in vain and shall not be forgotten.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to his wife Beth, his children Joseph, Cassandra, and Adam, his parents Lloyd and Sharon Proctor, his brothers Eddie and David Proctor, and his sister Vicky Moss.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, sponsored by Representatives Grubb and Koch:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the 25th Annual National Church Music Conference to be held in Plainfield, Indiana.

Whereas, The National Church Music Conference is a teaching conference that provides access to ministry professionals, an encouraging community, and affordable pricing in a great location;

Whereas, In 1982, conference founder Dr. Don Sewell wanted to provide education and inspiration for music personnel in the churches of the Restoration Movement. Thus the first conference was held in April of 1983 and has continued to meet annually ever since;

Whereas, The Association of Christian College Music Educators quickly joined Dr. Sewell, offering funds and leadership. The conference continued to meet on Christian Church college campuses around the United States for the next several years;

Whereas, In 2000, the decision was made to hold the National Church Music Conference at the Plainfield Christian Church in Plainfield, Indiana. This location proved so successful, that it has served as the permanent home of the conference ever since; and

Whereas, The 2007 conference will be held from April 17th through the 20th. It will include appearances by special guests Mark Hayes, Keith and Krystin Getty, Paul Leddington Wright, Steve White, and Greg Atkinson. It will also feature a concert by the Anderson University Chorale: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the National Church Music Conference on its 25th anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Don Sewell and to each member of the Executive Committee of the conference.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 62

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, sponsored by Representative Frizzell:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring firefighters Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts for their acts of bravery.

Whereas, On March 11, 2006, firefighters Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts of Engine 52 in White River Township responded to a house fire. They, along with forty-seven other firefighters, arrived to find an elderly woman trapped by heavy fire and dense smoke in her bedroom;

Whereas, Despite treacherous conditions that melted their protective clothing and caused them both to receive first and second degree burns, Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts gained access to the home and rescued the elderly woman minutes before the room was engulfed by flames;

Whereas, For their acts of bravery beyond the call of duty, Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts both received the State Fire Marshal's Medal of Valor. In addition, both men were selected as inductees to the American Red Cross Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, The heroics of Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts inspire us. Their dedication to saving lives and educating the public about fire safety is worthy of recognition: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Michael Shoemaker and Jason Tibbetts for their acts of bravery.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael and Michelle Shoemaker, Jason and Jennifer Tibbetts, and White River Township Fire Department Chief Michael Tibbetts.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 69

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 69, sponsored by Representatives Pflum and Gutwein:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Agriculture Week in the State of Indiana.

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly recognizes the economic impact of agriculture on the State of Indiana;

Whereas, The Indiana Agriculture Resource Council is a partnership of twenty-four commodity organizations and state and federal agriculture agencies seeking to promote an understanding of Indiana's agriculture industry during Agriculture Week;

Whereas, Indiana agriculture is a diverse industry representing livestock, poultry, and grain production statewide, as well as diverse crops such as mint production in northern Indiana, melon production in southwestern Indiana, and fruit and vegetable production in all corners of the state;

Whereas, Indiana agriculture plays a vital role in the renewable fuels industry and has emerged as a national bio-fuels leader for ethanol and bio-diesel, which reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy and increase economic opportunities for Hoosiers;

Whereas, Indiana agricultural productivity is maintained on 63,000 Hoosier farms encompassing 15.4 million acres, and includes technologically advanced production systems to meet the global needs for food and fiber now and in the future;

Whereas, Indiana's agricultural productivity is a direct result of partnerships like the IARC partnerships that encompass producers, government, education, agribusiness, commodity and farm organizations who work together to provide quality food and fiber products, to preserve our natural resources, and to promote rural Indiana; and

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly recognizes the Proclamation of Governor Mitch Daniels declaring the week of March 18 to March 24 as Agriculture Week in the State of Indiana: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Agriculture Week in the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Agriculture Resource Council and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage

of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 70

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 70, sponsored by Representative E. Harris:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. for his fifty years in the ministry.

Whereas, Reverend Wade celebrated his fiftieth year in the ministry and is in his forty-second year as Pastor of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church of East Chicago, Indiana;

Whereas, Reverend Wade holds a master of Religious Education and Doctorates of Bible Theology and Divinity;

Whereas, Reverend Wade, through compassion and humble service, grew a congregation with modest beginnings to an important part of the community with multiple services, a Sunday school, a new church building, several choirs and community organizations;

Whereas, Reverend Wade's call to service and ministry is so compelling that, under his tenure, fifty pastors have been called into the gospel ministry;

Whereas, Reverend Wade served parishioners beyond his community as former President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Indiana, Inc. and State Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.;

Whereas, Reverend Wade has also been active in foreign ministry, preaching in Europe, African and the Middle East;

Whereas, Reverend Wade, in a typically selfless act, donated, through an allogeneic transplant, bone marrow to his brother, Reverend Melvin Von Wade Sr.; and

Whereas, Reverend Wade provides a fine example of dedication, fidelity and faith to those in his church and in his community; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate hereby honors Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade for his fifty years in the ministry.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr., his wife Mrs. Ella Wade, and Mrs. Camellia P. Wade-McKinley.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 75

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 75, sponsored by Representative Kersey:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to direct the Natural Resource Study Committee to study the impacts of invasive species in Indiana.

Whereas, Public and private lands are impacted by the spread of invasive species in Indiana;

Whereas, In recent years, Indiana has seen our natural lakes affected by invasive plants threatening the native flora and fauna and impacting recreational opportunities;

Whereas, Indiana forests are being exposed to an exotic insect, which places all species of ash trees in Indiana in imminent danger; and

Whereas, property owners all over Indiana, including agricultural landowners, are suffering invasions of plants and the subsequent need to eradicate these invasive species, such as bush honeysuckles (Amur, Tartarian and Morrow honeysuckles), on their lands: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to direct the Natural Resource Study Committee (Committee) to study the impacts of invasive species in Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Committee, if so directed, shall establish a task force to study the economic and environmental impacts of invasive species in Indiana and provide findings and recommendations on strategies for prevention, early detection, control and management of invasive species to minimize these impacts.

SECTION 3. That the task force, if established, shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) the State Entomologist or his designee;
- (2) the State Chemist or his designee;
- (3) the Director of the Animal Board of Health or his designee;
- (4) the director of the Purdue Center for Crop Biosecurity and Invasive Species or his designee;
- (5) a representative of the nursery and landscape industry;
- (6) a representative of a conservation group;
- (7) a representative of a city park; and
- (8) two (2) representatives from universities.

SECTION 4. That the task force shall issue reports and recommendations to the Natural Resource Study Committee when it first meets in 2008. The Natural Resource Study Committee shall then issue a final report with recommendations back to the Legislative Council by November 1, 2008.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 76

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 76, sponsored by Representative Bischoff:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Carnegie Hall in Moores Hill, Indiana, on its 100th anniversary.

Whereas, Carnegie Hall was built in 1907 as a part of Moores Hill College. It was named in honor of industrialist Andrew Carnegie, whose matching grant made construction of the great hall possible;

Whereas, Carnegie Hall incorporates Collegiate Gothic architecture and has been described by knowledgeable observers as one of the finest examples of that style in southeastern Indiana;

Whereas, Carnegie Hall served as the first home of Moores Hill College. This was the second college in Indiana to open its doors to women and awarded 487 degrees in its 61 years of operation;

Whereas, In the years after Moores Hill College moved to Evansville, Carnegie Hall served the community as a high school and later a grade school. At present, the building houses a museum, a library, and a new genealogy room;

Whereas, Carnegie Hall plays host to many activities in Moores Hill, including weekly bingo, Head Start classes, Girl Scout and Brownie Troop meetings, yard sales, and Thanksgiving Dinner; and

Whereas, As the Moores Hill community recognizes the 100th anniversary of the building, all those who have worked for its preservation, including the Carnegie Historic Landmarks Preservation Society, are remembered: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes

and celebrates the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall in Moores Hill, Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Janice Slater, President of the Carnegie Hall Museum.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 77

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 77, sponsored by Representatives McClain and Hinkle:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Lewis Cass Marching Kings on winning the Class D Indiana State Marching Band Title.

Whereas, The Lewis Cass Marching Kings participated in the Indiana State Marching Band Finals for the 25th consecutive year, a feat no other Indiana high school has yet accomplished;

Whereas, Band Director Mike Clark prepared the Lewis Cass Marching Knights to compete against 40 other high school bands, grouped into 4 classes;

Whereas, In preparation for this competition, the 100 members of the Lewis Cass Marching Knights learned life lessons and gained a work ethic that can be applied to other life challenges;

Whereas, At the State Marching Band Finals, held in the RCA Dome, the Lewis Cass Marching Knights performed "Movement for Rosa" and "The Witch and the Saint." They emerged victorious by seven-tenths of a point over runner-up Forest Park; and

Whereas, The achievements of the Lewis Cass Marching Knights teach us the value of hard work and dedication and thus deserve recognition: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of Indiana congratulates the Lewis Cass Marching Kings on winning the Class D Indiana State Marching Band Title.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Principal Isaacs and Lewis Cass Band Director Mike Clark, and to Southeastern School Corporation Superintendent Dr. John Bevan.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 78

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 78, sponsored by Representatives Bauer, Dvorak, and Niezgodski:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Grammatica as the 2007 Indiana High School State Bowling Champion.

Whereas, Michelle Grammatica is a resident of South Bend and a student at Clay High School. In only her first attempt to compete at the high school level, Michelle enjoyed great success and achieved statewide recognition as the 2007 Indiana High School State Bowling Champion;

Whereas, Bowling comes naturally to Michelle. She has been bowling since the age of four and routinely heads to the bowling alleys for practice during the week. She is now the anchor for the Clay Colonials bowling squad and hopes to pursue her sport at the collegiate level;

Whereas, Michelle traveled to Anderson, Indiana for the State

Championship finals. She defeated Elkhart Memorial's Chelsea Farrell 235-225 in the first round, Whiteland's Mallory Jonson 217-182 in the semifinal, and Concord's Tiffany Buck 268-205 in the title match;

Whereas, At the close of the high school season, Michelle was crowned a sectional, regional and state champion. She continues to bowl in leagues and tournaments and has her sites set on a possible repeat performance next season; and

Whereas, Michelle Grammatica's effort and dedication is inspirational to us all and we wish her continued success in the future: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Michelle Grammatica as the 2007 Indiana High School State Bowling Champion.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Michelle Grammatica and her family, and Clay High School Principal Dr. Ruth Warren.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 79

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 79, sponsored by Representative McClain:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the town of Camden, Indiana on its 175th anniversary celebration.

Whereas, A celebration of the rich history of Camden, Indiana in Jackson Township, to commemorate the anniversary of its founding in 1833 (or 1830 by some records) is underway;

Whereas, The original 16 acre community, entrusted to School Commissioner Col. Wm. Crooks, consisted of five houses laid on the side of a dirt road, later known as Main Street;

Whereas, This dirt road was eventually paved in bricks between 1912 and 1916. Then, around 1940, it grew into a State Road for use by the residents of Camden and the citizens of Indiana;

Whereas, The town continued to grow over the years. Col. Wm. Crooks and his fellow entrepreneurs, Mr. McCurdy and Matthew Rogers, physician Dr. James M. Justice, tavern owner James R. Laird, physician/legislator Dr. F.G. Armstrong and postmaster John E. Snoeberger pioneered a way of life the Indiana Legislature is proud to recognize and uphold;

Whereas, The town of Camden is an important part of the history of Indiana and the celebration of its 175th anniversary is worthy of admiration and recognition: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the town of Camden, Indiana on its 175th anniversary celebration.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Camden City Council.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 85

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 85, sponsored by Representative C. Brown:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Gary Steelers Pop Warner football team on their third place finish in the national tournament.

Whereas, The Gary Steelers finished in third place nationally after defeating Oak Cliff, Texas, 12-6 in the consolation game;

Whereas, The Gary Steelers, under the leadership of head coach Rodney Williams, went undefeated this past season;

Whereas, The Gary Steelers are known for their suffocating defense and a passing game anchored by quarterback Antonio Ellis and wide receiver Issac Bullock;

Whereas, Many of the players to have emerged from the team are now playing on their high school squads;

Whereas, Gary is home to several other excellent Pop Warner teams, including the Tri-Town Raiders who made the national tournament two years in a row with many of the same players now on the Steelers; and

Whereas, These successful Pop Warner teams from the Gary area are playing a key role in efforts to reinvigorate football in Gary: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly hereby recognizes the Gary Steelers Pop Warner football team on their third place finish in the national tournament.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to coach Rodney Williams.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 86

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 86, sponsored by Representative Dickinson:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Hoosier author, poet and public servant Theodore Hunter Boyd.

Whereas, Theodore H. Boyd's contributions to the causes of racial harmony and social justice are a credit to himself and his community;

Whereas, Mr. Boyd's literary works include "The Black Snowflake," "Do What You Gotta Do," "It's Gonna Be a Good Day," and "Sumpin' to Think About";

Whereas, The classic story "The Black Snowflake" communicates to children of all ages a message of racial harmony and respect for an individual character;

Whereas, The City of Indianapolis has Proclaimed "Black Snowflake Day" in honor of the influential work;

Whereas, Mr. Boyd was a former Executive Director of the Y.M.C.A. and, in his early twenties, was the youngest YMCA Director in the country;

Whereas, Mr. Boyd served on the Metropolitan Manpower Commission, the Council on Aging, and in the Marion County Auditor's office and Welfare Department;

Whereas, Mr. Boyd's life of community involvement includes membership in the Indianapolis Urban League, the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana Black Expo, and Kiwanis;

Whereas, Mr. Boyd's leadership qualities emerged early in life as he was captain of both his high school and college basketball teams; and

Whereas, Mr. Boyd and his wife Barbara were married over fifty years and have three children, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby memorializes Hoosier author, poet, and public servant Theodore Hunter Boyd.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to his wife Barbara Boyd.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 87

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 87, sponsored by Representatives VanHaaften, Crouch, Hoy, and Avery:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Evansville Mater Dei Wildcat wrestling team as the 2007 Indiana High School Athletic Association wrestling champions.

Whereas, The Mater Dei wrestling team won the 2007 IHSAA Championship, their second title in a row and twelfth title overall;

Whereas, The Mater Dei wrestling team remained unbeaten during the 2006-2007 season with a record of 25-0 including a stirring win over undefeated and second ranked Mishawaka High School;

Whereas, The team's championship filled season included the Evansville City Title, the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference Title, and Sectional, Regional and Semi-State Titles;

Whereas, Mater Dei High School combines its athletic prowess with a commitment to academics graduating 99% of its students, sending 95% of its students to an institution of higher education, and consistently achieving SAT and ACT scores that are higher than the state and national averages; and

Whereas, Chris DeWitt, Sean Herron, Alex Weinzapfel, and Nolan King were named Academic All-City and Chris and Sean were also named Academic All-State Honorable mention: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana State Senate hereby honors the Evansville Mater Dei Wildcat wrestling team as the 2007 Indiana High School Athletic Association Wrestling Champions.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Mike Goebel and Mater Dei High School of Evansville, Indiana.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 88

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 88, sponsored by Representatives VanHaaften, Crouch, Hoy, and Avery:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Evansville Mater Dei High School wrestling coach Mike Goebel for his outstanding career.

Whereas, Coach Mike Goebel, of the Evansville Mater Dei High School wrestling team, has amassed a career record of 533 wins, 14 losses, and 2 draws;

Whereas, Coach Goebel's record calculates a winning percentage of 97.4%, the best in the history of Indiana athletics;

Whereas, Because of Coach Goebel's outstanding achievements as a coach and mentor, he has been honored as Indiana Coach of the Year 11 times and National Coach of the Year two times;

Whereas, Coach Goebel has been supported in his efforts by an equally successful wrestling staff and program including assistant Randy Helfrich who retired in 2005 with a Junior Varsity Record of 450-0; and

Whereas, Under Coach Goebel's leadership, the Mater Dei wrestling team has won 12 state championships, the most wrestling state titles of any coach in Indiana history: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana State Senate hereby honors Evansville Mater Dei High School wrestling Coach Mike Goebel for his outstanding career including 12 IHSAA wrestling State Championships.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Mike Goebel and Mater Dei High School of Evansville, Indiana.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 93

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 93, sponsored by Representatives McClain, Gutwein, and Friend:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Crook on winning three gold medals at the 2006 Special Olympics National Games.

Whereas, Jessica Crook enjoyed great success at the Special Olympics National Games in Ames, Iowa, winning gold medals in her division of the 50-meter freestyle, the 50-meter butterfly and the 4 X 25 meter relay;

Whereas, Jessica's performance at the national games has earned her the privilege of representing Team America at the first Special Olympics International Games to be held in October of 2007, in Shanghai, China;

Whereas, Throughout her preparation and competition, Jessica has received great support from her community. She has won Area 5 Athlete of the Year twice; Athlete of the Month from the Pharos Tribune; and the Most Guts Award for high school swimming;

Whereas, Jessica is currently serving a two year term as an International Global Messenger, representing all the Special Olympic Athletes in the world. She was one of only 12 selected worldwide - out of 2.2 million athletes;

Whereas, Jessica has been featured on radio talk shows, was awarded a Memorial Hospital Apple Award and received a standing ovation at the Cass County 4-H Fair Queen Contest; and

Whereas, We applaud Jessica's achievements and wish her continued success in her upcoming competitions: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Jessica Crook on winning three gold medals at the 2006 Special Olympics National Games and wishes her continued success at the Special Olympics International Games.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Jessica Crook and her family.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 98

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 98, sponsored by Representative Tyler:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Hodge and his commitment to bettering the blind community.

Whereas, Joseph Hodge has possessed a strong will and a positive attitude, serving as an inspiration to many despite losing his sight to retinal blastoma cancer at the age of 10 months;

Whereas, Joseph Hodge was enrolled in Prairie Heights High School and was a successful member of the wrestling team, FFA, and 4H;

Whereas, Hodge has been active in Ball State University's campus radio station, WCRD, and has been the host of a weekly radio show since 2006;

Whereas, Hodge approached Ethan Miller, the president of the Knotts/Edwards hall council, about the installation of additional Braille signage on campus;

Whereas, Hodge and Miller convinced various student governmental offices and the Disabled Student Development Office to make the campus more acceptable for visually impaired students;

Whereas, Hodge's work adds to Ball State University's long time commitment to making the campus accessible to all students; and

Whereas, Hodge's family, friends, and community have helped to mold him into a strong leader and a well-balanced and positive individual: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana State Senate hereby recognizes that Joseph Hodge has made an example of himself of which Hoosiers can be proud, and the Senate wishes him luck and success in the future.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph Hodge, his parents Steve and Karen Hodge, and Ethan Miller.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 102

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 102, sponsored by Representatives Bauer and Niezgodski:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Chief Luther J. Taylor, Jr. of the South Bend Fire Department upon his retirement.

Whereas, Chief Taylor is the longest serving fire chief in South Bend history after more than 34 years of service including 21 years as chief;

Whereas, Chief Taylor, in an era of dramatic change, oversaw the South Bend Fire Department's expansion in number of firefighters, facilities, and budget, personally recommending the promotion of 21 chiefs;

Whereas, Chief Taylor was instrumental in the modernization of the Department's safety procedures and the evolving mission to provide emergency medical services;

Whereas, Chief Taylor led the way in creating South Bend's hazardous materials response team and served as its first coordinator;

Whereas, Chief Taylor also established the Department's special operations units including river rescue, tactical rescue, confined spaces rescue and structural collapse rescue;

Whereas, Chief Taylor extended his service to the entire state when he was selected by Governor Kernan to lead the State Emergency Management Agency; and

Whereas, the citizens of South Bend are the beneficiaries of a stronger and more professional fire department as a result of the distinguished career of Chief Taylor: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. The Indiana State Senate hereby honors Chief Luther J. Taylor, Jr. of the South Bend Fire Department upon his retirement.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Chief Luther Taylor.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Representative Dobis, who had been excused, was present.

MOTIONS TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that the House concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed House Bill 1291.

VAN HAAFTEN

Roll Call 571: yeas 92, nays 0. Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that the House concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed House Bill 1428.

HOY

Roll Call 572: yeas 95, nays 0. Motion prevailed.

MOTIONS TO DISSENT FROM SENATE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that the House dissent from the Senate amendments to Engrossed House Bill 1237 and that the Speaker appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from the Senate and report back to the House.

WELCH

Motion prevailed.

ENROLLED ACTS SIGNED

The Speaker announced that he had signed House Enrolled Acts 1305, 1373, 1382, 1653, and 1726 and Senate Enrolled Acts 30, 38, 68, 88, 93, 114, 123, 129, 155, 180, 181, 208, 229, 254, 276, 311, 312, 315, 316, 327, 331, 333, 342, 357, 371, 372, 377, 408, 434, 445, 448, 451, and 553 on April 19.

CONFEREES AND ADVISORS APPOINTED

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives to conference committees on the following Engrossed House Bills (the Representative listed first is the Chair):

EHB 1046	Conferees: Pierce and Murphy
	Advisors: Dickinson and Koch

EHB 1115 Conferees: Kersey and Duncan
 Advisors: Tincher, Stutzman, and Davis

EHB 1192 Conferees: Hoy and Ulmer
 Advisors: Dvorak, L. Lawson, and Wolkins

EHB 1410 Conferees: Hoy and Knollman
 Advisors: Porter and Koch

EHB 1425 Conferees: Austin and Cherry
 Advisors: Grubb, Niezgodski, and Davis

EHB 1426 Conferees: Austin and Neese
 Advisors: Mays and T. Harris

EHB 1503 Conferees: Orentlicher and T. Harris
 Advisors: Summers, Bardon, and T. Brown

EHB 1659 Conferees: Austin and Soliday
 Advisors: Mays, Niezgodski, and Buck

The Speaker announced the following changes in appointment of Representatives as conferees and advisors:

EHB 1274 Advisor: Tincher

OTHER BUSINESS ON THE SPEAKER'S TABLE

The House stood for a moment of silence in memory of five Indiana University graduate students in music, who were killed in a plane crash a year ago: Garth Eppley of Wabash, Georgina Joshi of South Bend, Chris Carducci of Monroe, Michigan, Zach Novak of Anderson, and Robert Samels of Medine, Ohio.

Pursuant to House Rule 158, meetings of conference committees were announced.

On the motion of Representative Stemler, the House adjourned at 11:40 a.m., this nineteenth day of April, 2007, until Monday, April 23, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

B. PATRICK BAUER
Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLINTON McKAY
Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives